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The Honorable John Stennis
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In your letter of 3 July 1969 to Mr. Helms, you requested that he consult with Secretary Laird on Secretary Laird's response to your inquiry concerning the strategic threat to the United States.

Although Mr. Helms is presently out of town, he has read the text of Secretary Laird's reply. Mr. Helms wishes to assure you that he has no disagreement with the statements in Secretary Laird's letter to you of 8 July concerning the potential Soviet and Chinese Communist strategic capabilities, as seen from the intelligence point of view.

Sincerely,

R. E. Cushman, Jr.

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Lieutenant General, USMC
Acting Director

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